

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 1086, Child Care and Development Block Grant Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6003–S6026

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2929–2935, and S. Res. 579–580. **Pages S6022–23**

Measures Reported:

S. 1804, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to establish an Aviation Security Advisory Committee, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–273)

S. 1893, to require the Transportation Security Administration to implement best practices and improve transparency with regard to technology acquisition programs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–274)

H.R. 4366, to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 113–275) **Page S6022**

Measures Passed:

Death of Howard O. Greene, Jr.: Senate agreed to S. Res. 579, relative to the death of Howard O. Greene, Jr., former Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate. **Page S6005**

House Messages:

Child Care and Development Block Grant Act: By 88 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 276), Senate agreed to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House to S. 1086, to reauthorize and improve the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S6012–13**

Withdrawn:

Reid motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3923 (to the motion to concur in the House amendment), to change the enactment date. **Page S6012**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Reid Amendment No. 3924 (to Amendment No. 3923), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to concur in the House amendment to the bill, with Reid Amendment No. 3923 (to the motion to concur in the House amendment), was withdrawn. **Page S6012**

Keystone XL Pipeline—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that the proponent debate time for S. 2280, to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline, be divided as follows: two hours under the control of Senator Hoeven, or designee, and one hour under the control of Senator Landrieu, or designee. **Page S6025**

Abrams Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia. **Page S6014**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 68 yeas to 28 nays (Vote No. 277), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6014**

Cohen Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S6014**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 67 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 278), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6014**

Ross Nomination: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Pages S6014–15**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 66 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 279), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6015**

Bassett, Bernicat, Zumwalt, Allen, and Roebuck Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding rule XXII, following the vote on confirmation of the nomination of Eleanor Louise Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, Senate begin consideration of the nominations of Leslie Ann Bassett, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, James Peter Zumwalt, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, Craig B. Allen, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Brunei Darussalam, and William V. Roebuck, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain, that there be 2 minutes for debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, prior to each vote; that upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nominations in the order listed; that any roll call votes, following the first in the series, be 10 minutes in length; and that no further motions be in order to the nominations. **Page S6016**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Karen Clark Stanton, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste. **Pages S6015, S6026**

Theodore G. Osius III, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. **Pages S6015, S6026**

Erica J. Barks Ruggles, of Minnesota, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Rwanda. **Pages S6015, S6026**

Barbara A. Leaf, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates. **Pages S6015, S6026**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

4 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Army, and Navy. **Pages S6025–26**

Messages from the House: **Pages S6020–21**

Measures Referred: **Page S6021**

Measures Placed on the Calendar: **Pages S6021, S6025**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—279) **Pages S6013–15**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late Howard O. Greene, Jr., former Sergeant at Arms of the United States Senate, in accordance with S. Res. 579, at 7:28 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6025.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 6 public bills, H.R. 5721–5726; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 757, were introduced. **Pages H8032–33**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H8033**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 5441, to amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States (H. Rept. 113–620);

H.R. 4049, to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–621, Pt. 1);

H.R. 5069, a bill to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 113–622);

H.R. 5040, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–623);

H.R. 5162, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 113–624);

H.R. 3608, to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians (H. Rept. 113–625, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 756, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1422) to amend the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act of 1978 to provide for Scientific Advisory Board member qualifications, public participation, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4012) to prohibit the Environmental Protection Agency from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations or assessments based upon science that is not transparent or reproducible; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4795) to promote new manufacturing in the United States by providing for greater transparency and timeliness in obtaining necessary permits, and for other purposes; and providing for proceedings during the period from November 21, 2014, through November 28, 2014 (H. Rept. 113–626). **Page H8032**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Foxx to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7999**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H8001**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Federal Duck Stamp Act of 2014: H.R. 5069, amended, to amend the Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp Act to increase in the price of Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamps to fund the acquisition of conservation easements for migratory birds; **Pages H8002–03**

Allowing a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center: H.R. 5162, to amend the Act entitled “An Act to allow a certain parcel of land in Rockingham County, Virginia, to be used for a child care center” to remove the use restriction, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 378 yeas to 1 nay, Roll No. 520; **Pages H8003–04, H8014–15**

Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5468, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1103 USPS Building 1103 in Camp Pendleton, California, as the “Camp Pendleton Medal of Honor Post Office”; **Pages H8004–05**

Colonel M.J. ‘Mac’ Dube, USMC Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5331, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 73839 Gorgonio Drive in Twentynine Palms, California, as the “Colonel M.J. ‘Mac’ Dube, USMC Post Office Building”; **Pages H8005–06**

Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 5386, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office”; **Pages H8006–07**

Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office Designation Act: S. 1499, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 278 Main Street in Chadron, Nebraska, as the “Sergeant Cory Mracek Memorial Post Office”; **Pages H8007–08**

First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act: S. 1093, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Caldwell Drive in Hazlehurst, Mississippi, as the “First Lieutenant Alvin Chester Cockrell, Jr. Post Office Building”; **Pages H8008–09**

Thaddeus Stevens Post Office Designation Act: S. 885, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 35 Park Street in Danville, Vermont, as the “Thaddeus Stevens Post Office”; **Page H8009**

Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office: S. 1512, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”; **Pages H8009–10**

Chief Joseph E. White, Jr. Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 5142, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 113 West Jackson Street in Rich Square, North Carolina, as the “Chief Joseph E. White, Jr. Post Office Building”; **Pages H8010–11**

Low-Dose Radiation Research Act of 2014: H.R. 5544, amended, to increase the understanding of the health effects of low doses of ionizing radiation; **Pages H8011–12**

Amending the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States: H.R. 5441, to amend the Federal charter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States to reflect the service of women in the Armed Forces of the United States; **Pages H8012–14**

Ashland Breakwater Light Transfer Act: H.R. 4049, amended, to amend the Act to provide for the establishment of the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore in the State of Wisconsin, and for other purposes, to adjust the boundary of that National Lakeshore to include the lighthouse known as Ashland Harbor Breakwater Light; **Pages H8015–16**

Idaho County Shooting Range Land Conveyance Act: H.R. 5040, to require the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal land to Idaho County in the State of Idaho; and **Pages H8016–17**

Grand Portage Band Per Capita Adjustment Act: H.R. 3608, to amend the Act of October 19, 1973, concerning taxable income to members of the Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians. **Pages H8017–19**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:32 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H8014**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8027.

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of today and appears on page H8031. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EPA SCIENCE ADVISORY BOARD REFORM ACT OF 2013; SECRET SCIENCE REFORM ACT OF 2014; PROMOTING NEW MANUFACTURING ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1422, the “EPA Science Advisory Board Reform Act of 2013”; H.R. 4012, the “Secret Science Reform Act of 2014”; and H.R. 4795, “Promoting

New Manufacturing Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 7–2, a structured rule for H.R. 1422. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted, and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, if offered by Representative Stewart of Utah or his designee. That amendment shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule granted a structured rule for H.R. 4012. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for the purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 113–57 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part B of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Additionally, the rule granted a structured rule for H.R. 4795. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule waives all points of order

against provisions in the bill. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 4, the rule provides that on any legislative day during the period from November 21, 2014, through November 28, 2014: the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment. In section 5, the rule provides that the Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Whitfield, McNerney, Schweikert, Bonamici, and Stewart.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine tax relief after a disaster, focusing on how individuals, small businesses, and communities recover, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Earl L. Gay, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Update on the U.S. Public Health Response to the Ebola Outbreak", 1 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "The Impact of International Regulatory Standards on the Competitiveness of U.S. Insurers, Part II", 2 p.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations, hearing entitled "Fighting Ebola: A Ground-Level View", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade, hearing entitled "Iranian Nuclear Talks: Negotiating a Bad Deal?", 2 p.m., 2200 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats, hearing entitled "Water Sharing Conflicts and the Threat to International Peace", 2 p.m., 2255 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, hearing entitled "Unaccompanied Alien Children: Pressing the Administration for a Strategy", 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications, hearing entitled "Interoperable Communications: Assessing Progress Since 9/11", 10 a.m., 311 Cannon.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, joint hearing entitled "Abuse of USPTO's Telework Program: Ensuring Oversight, Accountability and Quality", 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, hearing entitled "FAA Reauthorization: Issues in Modernizing and Operating the Nation's Airspace", 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled "VA's Longstanding Information Security Weaknesses Continue to Allow Extensive Data Manipulation", 1:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of November 18 through November 21,
2014

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, Senate will begin consideration of S. 2280, Keystone XL Pipeline. At 6:15 p.m., Senate will vote on passage of the bill.

Following which, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nominations of Leslie Joyce Abrams, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of Georgia, Mark Howard Cohen, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia, and Eleanor Louise

Ross, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia.

Also, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2685, USA Freedom Act.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: November 19, business meeting to consider the nominations of Lourdes Maria Castro Ramirez, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and Therese W. McMillan, of California, to be Federal Transit Administrator, Department of Transportation; to be immediately followed by an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Housing Finance Agency, focusing on balancing stability, growth, and affordability in the mortgage market, 10 a.m., SD-538.

November 21, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine improving financial institution supervision, focusing on addressing regulatory capture, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: November 20, to hold hearings to examine the Takata airbag recalls and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) recall process, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: November 18, business meeting to consider the nominations of Virginia Tyler Lodge, and Ronald Anderson Walter, both to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority, and Jeffery Martin Baran, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Finance: November 18, Subcommittee on Taxation and IRS Oversight, to hold hearings to examine tax relief after a disaster, focusing on how individuals, small businesses, and communities recover, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: November 19, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Antony Blinken, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of State, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: November 19, business meeting to consider S. 2917, Adding Ebola to the FDA Priority Review Voucher Program Act, H.R. 669, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve the health of children and help better understand and enhance awareness about unexpected sudden death in early life, and the nominations of P. David Lopez, of Arizona, to be General Counsel, and Charlotte A. Burrows, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member, both of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Adri Davin Jayaratne, of Michigan, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, Mary Lucille Jordan, of Maryland, and Michael Young, of Pennsylvania, both to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, and any pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

November 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Lauren McGarity McFerran, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the National Labor Relations Board, 10 a.m., SD-430.

November 20, Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging, to hold hearings to examine the pricing of generic drugs, 1 p.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: November 18, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Earl L. Gay, of the District of Columbia, to be Deputy Director of the Office of Personnel Management, 2:30 p.m., SD-342.

November 19, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine preparedness and response to public health threats, focusing on how ready we are, 10 a.m., SD-342.

November 20, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to hold hearings to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power plants, oil and gas pipelines, and commodity warehouses, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

November 21, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, to continue hearings to examine Wall Street bank involvement with physical commodities, focusing on the extent to which banks and their holding companies own physical commodities like oil, natural gas, aluminum and other industrial metals, as well as own or control businesses like power plants, oil and gas pipelines, and commodity warehouses, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

Committee on Indian Affairs: November 19, to hold an oversight hearing to examine protecting our children's mental health, focusing on preventing and addressing childhood trauma in Indian country, 2:30 p.m., SD-628.

Committee on the Judiciary: November 20, business meeting to consider S. 2520, to improve the Freedom of Information Act, H.R. 1447, to encourage States to report to the Attorney General certain information regarding the deaths of individuals in the custody of law enforcement agencies, and the nominations of Jorge Luis Alonso, and John Robert Blakey, both to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, Allison Dale Burroughs, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Jeanne E. Davidson, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, Haywood Stirling Gilliam, Jr., to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of California, Amos L. Mazzant, III, and Robert William Schroeder III, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas, Amit Priyavadan Mehta, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia, Robert Lee Pitman, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas, and Sarah R. Saldana, of Texas, to be an Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: November 19, to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Gilberto de Jesus, of Maryland, to be Chief Counsel for Advocacy, Small Business Administration, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: November 19, to hold hearings to examine veterans' mental health and suicide, 10:30 a.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: November 18, to hold closed hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

November 20, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.

Special Committee on Aging: November 19, to hold hearings to examine the private industry's role in stemming the tide of phone scams, 2:15 p.m., SD-562.

House Committees

Committee on Armed Services, November 19, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing entitled "Religious Accommodations in the Armed Services", 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, November 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Examining Medical Product Development in the Wake of the Ebola Epidemic", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on Environment and the Economy, hearing entitled "Cyanotoxins in Drinking Water", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, November 19, Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance, hearing entitled "Opportunities for a Private and Competitive Sustainable Flood Insurance Market", 2 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, November 19, Full Committee, markup on the following legislative measures: H.R. 2901, the "Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2013"; H.R. 5206, to allow Foreign Service and other executive agency employees to designate beneficiaries of their death benefits; and H.R. 5685, the "Rewards for Justice Congressional Notification Act of 2014", 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, markup on H.R. 5648, to improve defense cooperation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 19, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Next Steps for U.S. Foreign Policy on Syria and Iraq", 2:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

November 20, Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa, hearing entitled "Examining What a Nuclear Iran Deal Means for Global Security", 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, November 19, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Oversight of the United States Secret Service", 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn. A portion of this hearing will close.

November 19, Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, and the Internet, hearing entitled "Copyright

Issues in Education and for the Visually Impaired", 3 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, November 19, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing entitled "Volcano Hazards: Exploring the National Preparation and Response", 1 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

November 20, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing entitled "Is the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge Being Properly Managed?", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, November 19, Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and the Census, hearing entitled "Examining Data Security at the United States Postal Service", 10:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, November 19, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing entitled "The Role of the White House Chief Technology Officer in the HealthCare.gov Website Debacle", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, November 19, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled "The Role of the State Approving Agencies in Ensuring Quality Education Programs for Veterans", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

November 19, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on the following legislative measures: H.R. 4720, the "Medal of Honor Priority Care Act"; H.R. 4887, the "Expanding Care for Veterans Act"; H.R. 4977, the "COVER Act"; H.R. 5059, the "Clay Hunt SAV Act"; H.R. 5475, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the care provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to newborn children; and H.R. 5484, the "Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2014", 2 p.m., 334 Cannon.

November 20, Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, hearing entitled "Filipino Veterans Equity Compensation Fund: Inquiry into the Adequacy of Process in Verifying Eligibility", 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, November 19, Full Committee, business meeting to consider Member access requests, 10 a.m., HVC-304. This meeting may close.

November 20, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Cybersecurity Threats: The Way Forward", 9 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: November 19, to hold hearings to examine combating corruption in the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) region, focusing on the link between security and good governance, including a need to build effective institutions and the important role played by civil society in combating corruption, 10 a.m., SVC-203-202.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, November 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will begin consideration of S. 2280, Keystone XL Pipeline. At 6:15 p.m., Senate will vote on passage of the bill.

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Also, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 2685, USA Freedom Act.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m. for their respective party conferences.)

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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